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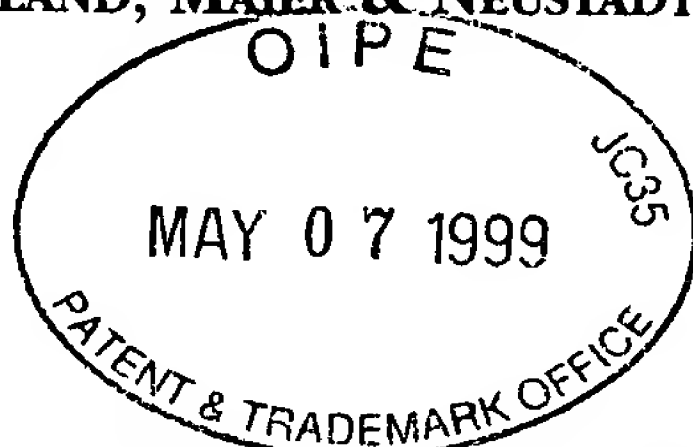
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Re: Serial No.: 08/813,776

Applicant(s): Renata Maria Anna Cavaliere VESELY et al

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For: STRAINS OF BACTERIA AND PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITION CONTAINING ONE OR MORE OF SUCH
STRAINS AND USE OF SAME FOR PREVENTING AND
TREATING DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH OR CAUSED
BY ALTERED METABOLISM OF BILE ACIDS

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: MINNIFIELD

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE; AUTHORIZATION

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In further response to the Official Action dated January 25, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and attached authorization.

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REMARKS

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In the previously filed response, Applicants respectfully traversed the rejection of

Claims 4-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, on the ground that all of the specific

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